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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY POWDER,  
HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOW POWDER, AND HYDROGEN-STORING  
TANK FOR MOUNTING IN VEHICLE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Date: September 30, 2003

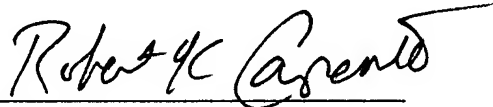
Sir:

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- ☒ 4. The reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/866,783, filed May 30, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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